

IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?

The discussion of matrimony as a success or failure has now been going on for some days by the correspondents of THE EVENING WORLD, and a variety of opinions have been expressed.

People who consider this question appear to be influenced in their conclusions by the fact that a large number of married people either publicly or privately exhibit the skeleton in their closet, and thus go onto the record as proving marriage to be a failure. But such a belief is a libel on human nature and an absurdity. Happiness in married life sits down by its own comfortable fireside, draws its curtains closely before the windows and enjoys itself without courting observation from any but the loving eyes that make up the contented family circle. Unhappy marriages flaunt themselves in the police and divorce courts or about their grievances in a tone loud enough to penetrate party-walls and reach the ears of gossiping neighbors.

Thus unhappiness and discontent by the family hearth make themselves heard and known, while happiness and peace remain silent and unobserved except by immediate friends. Take any street in New York, brown stone or brick, private dwellings or tenements, and it is a libel on the community to pretend that there are not within their walls hundreds of happy and contented homes to one haunted by the demon of discord and discontent.

OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS.

The public schools open next Monday, and it is estimated that the attendance this year will be increased by at least five thousand. There has been much complaint about the lack of accommodation for the scholars, especially in the primary departments, and the facilities have not been increased as much as could be desired. But under the present efficient and intelligent management the arrangements have been so made as to afford the maximum of accommodation with the minimum of discomfort, and the school year will, it is hoped, be one of happiness and prosperity.

It is to be regretted that a few of the seeds of dissension have been left behind by those who desired to make the School Board a political or partisan machine. But these have fallen harmless on a soil not congenial to their germination, and the management of this important branch of the city government is now as efficient as it can well be made, until the school accommodations become fully equal to the public wants, and they ought to be.

MENTAL DERANGEMENT.

The Fifth Avenue stage incident last Thursday night suggests the propriety of compelling by law the proper restraint of persons who cannot be suffered to go at large and unattended without danger to the public peace and comfort, if not to human life. A reputable gentleman of mature age is riding with his wife in a public conveyance, when he is suddenly and without any cause attacked by a young woman who accuses him of insulting her, spits in his face, assaults him with an umbrella, and when he attempts to leave the stage with his wife strikes that lady, and eventually causes the gentleman's arrest.

Of course when the station-house was reached the charge against Mr. Low was not entertained by the officer on duty. The fact then became known that the angry woman was the same Miss Coffin whose name recently came into public notice through her singular behavior towards an actor. It was then shown that she was mentally deranged, and it is now said that her condition has been growing gradually worse. It is evident that she is not responsible for her actions, and if she should take a human life in her excitement who would be to blame?

It is bad enough for a reputable citizen to be subject to such an outrage as that committed on Mr. Low while in his wife's company. But when it is remembered that his life might easily have been sacrificed if his assailant had been armed and taken a fancy to shoot, the danger of leaving such a person as Miss Coffin unrestrained becomes apparent.

MRS. STOWE'S ILLNESS.

Mrs. HARRIET BECHER STOWE is believed to be dying. For some time her health has been failing, and she now lies at her summer residence at Sag Harbor with small hope of recovery. Her last sickness commenced about eight days ago, when she was attacked by congestion of the brain, followed by meningitis.

Mrs. Stowe was made famous by a single work. If she had never written "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and if that remarkable story had not been published at the moment when the public mind was prepared to appreciate its touching beauties and to fit them to the occurrences of every-day life, her name would never have been known except among a comparatively small circle of friends and literary admirers. "Uncle Tom" was a tale which went to the public heart, and there is no doubt that it helped to overthrow Southern slavery just as the old poem, "The African's Lament," is said to have aided in the abandonment of slave-trading by England.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" had an unprecedented sale at the time of its publication. Yet, strange to say, it is now seldom heard of except when some ambitious actress aspires to become a "star" in Topsy. The time and the occasion for the novel have passed away.

Yesterday was Jacksonville's worst day, and the afflicted people have nothing to raise them from the depths of despair. New York cannot come too quickly or too generously to their relief, and the contributions which flowed into the Mayor's office yesterday are an earnest that the call will meet with a noble response.

Commend us to the Swedish girl at Nyack, who, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, being aroused from her sleep and finding a burglar armed with a revolver in her room, pinioned his arms to his side, rushed him to the top of the stairs and then pitched him headlong down. Bravo for sturdy Sweden!

Miss VIRGINIA MASON, the teacher who was charged with immoral conduct, is said to have begun a suit for slander against Miss GRACE DODGE. It is to be hoped that Miss MASON, contented with her complete vindication, will keep out of the law.

Sheriff GRANT stands no nonsense. He has caused the arrest of Deputy Sheriff JAMES P. REILLY, who let the young forger, KINO, escape, on a charge of malfeasance in office. REILLY is held in \$2,500 bail.

The IVINS-GRACE anti-HILL meeting last night was in fact a hill-meeting. But the HILL men contented themselves with poking fun at the IVINS crowd, and came away in good temper.

GOOD THINGS FOR SUNDAY.

Fowl, 16 cents.
Lentils, 3 cents.
Pounders, 5 cents.
Cauliflower, 7 cents.
Duck, 20 cents a pound.
Rabbits, 1 cent a bunch.
Tomatoes, 5 cents a quart.
Blueberries, 10 cents a pound.
Turnips, 3 cents a pound.
String beans, 4 cents a quart.
Green peppers, 15 cents a dozen.
Butter, 30, 32 and 35 cents; best, 37 cents.
Peas, 10 cents a quart; peas, 10 cents.
American cream cheese, 14 cents; imported Swiss, 16 cents; domestic, 30 cents.
Grapes, Concord, 4 cents a pound, 30 cents a ten-pound basket; Catawbas, 15 cents.

WORLDLINGS.

A Philadelphia dancing master who has just returned from an extended trip abroad says that everywhere on the Continent of Europe Americans are considered the best dancers in the world. Rattennases have been unusually numerous in Georgia this year, and their increase is attributed by the newspapers of the State to the enforcement of the stock law, which prohibits the hog, the rat's greatest enemy, from roaming at large.

There are still on the pension rolls of the country 806 men who served in the war of 1812, which ended seventy-three years ago. It has been computed that if a proportionately large number of soldiers of the late war live for a like period there will be 16,000 surviving veterans in 1935.

JERSEY CITY BUNCOME.

Inspector Lange clings to his eye-glasses more tenaciously every day.

Corporation Attorney Hudspeth has returned from his Canadian trip.

Sol Francis avows his intention of winning a bet by wearing his straw hat until Christmas.

Terry McDonald is creating a sensation in the "Horace" by his political intimations.

The fishing banks receive the undivided attention of Johnny Wadde, of Collector Love's office.

Herman Pennett never misses a good noon and seems to be endowed with the luckiest kind of luck.

Col. Robinson, of Police Headquarters, practices athletic every day, and is as hale as a man half his age.

Finance Commissioner Warren has returned from his trip to Europe. Commissioner Harsenbergh is still abroad.

Hugh Farrar McDermott, the poet, is at the Black House, Delaware Water Gap, laying in a stock of themes.

John T. M. Kaylor, of the City Hall, is spending his vacation at Marshall's Creek, near the Delaware Water Gap.

Billy Thompson is dubbed "Father" by his friends. He resembles a priest in every way, and has many funny experiences in consequence.

Loss of Identity.

[From Carleton.]

(SPOILING TELLS)

Paying Teller—Are you Miss Gushington?

THE CONTEST CLOSES TO-DAY.

AND NOW JUDGE NYE WILL PROCEED TO CAPTURE THE PRIZE-WINNER.



The Joke Contest closes to-day. No contribution reaching THE EVENING WORLD office after to-day can be entered in the competition. Judge Nye will at once address himself to the task of determining the prize winner. But as over 6,000 alleged jokes have been received, since the contest was opened, it will require some little time for him to reach a decision.

Following are a few of the later candidates for the prize:

Sublime Impudence.
Last Saturday I visited my aunt's farm in Shantytown. As I entered the kitchen there stood temptingly before me a pair of creamy dumplings, fresh from the cow.
As I was about to drain the contents, just then a colored man entered, and taking the pail, yelled out: "What's my kalsomine?"
"Horror!" I said in a pale tone, "I drank it."
He instantly made out this bill:
To interior decoration..... \$1.00
Extra glue..... .25
Total..... \$1.25
Can he recover? Also can I? R. D.
971 Tenth avenue.

A Campaign Joke.
The Prohibitionists of Dakota Territory ought not to expect great gains this year. It would seem as though the citizens who are not little bit would be too fond of the B. C. to allow that.

He Was in No Danger.
This village is afflicted with scarlet fever, diphtheria and a baseball club. The "pet of the nine" is (around the stove in winter) "der boss third baseman of this county." The other night the owner of the grocery store remarked: "I don't think I would catch the scarlet fever or diphtheria."

At this point a weary-looking farmer, who had been on the wrong side and knows how many railroad ties there are between M— and this place, arose from his soap-box in the corner and addressed the poet thusly: "Be you the last what played third base for our boys at M—?"
The poet promptly responded "Yes."
"Well, then," was the disgusted rejoinder, "you needn't be afraid, as there ain't any danger of your catching anything."
JOHNSTON JONES, Goshen, N. Y.

P. S.—You can take two cents out of that \$25 to pay postage in getting it here. J. J.

But He Knew All About It.
Punkins—Excuse me, sir; air you familiar with New York?
Stokks—I think so, sir; I've lived here fifty years.
Punkins—Then I wish you'd tell me where the Battery is.
Stokks—Kee and Ewing! Why, certainly. Take any of these cars and get off where the crowd does, and you'll see Anse Walloped out of his boots to-day, though I take no interest in such things myself.
971 Tenth avenue. ROBERT DIXON.

An Oyster Joke.
Stranger (entering an oyster saloon)—Do you keep the best oysters?
Dealer—Yes, sir.
Stranger—Give me a dozen, please.
After eating them, says to the dealer: "I think you told me the truth about keeping the best oysters, for I have received a good one myself."
D. NEALIE.
279 West Houston street.

Two Bright Lights.
Why is THE EVENING WORLD like a star?
Ans.—Because both brighten the night.
And swallow the fat of the feast?

A Good Explanation.
Why does Bill Nye wear his hair short?
Ans.—We suppose to keep it from getting tangled in chestnut burrs.

W. WALTER WILLIS.
500 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Light Subject.
I saw a large beam fall right on the top of a man's head, striking the right side of his face, shoulder and arm, and, I say, strange to say, the man was not hurt! It was a sun-beam.
L. S.
New York, Sept. 6.

A Conundrum in Verse.
Why are the persons who for you rewrite Such cautions, bewickered and old, Stale patriarch puns, first brought to the light?

By fingers now pulseless and cold, Like greedy lawyer who labors to break The will of a nabob deceased.
In order to gobble a corpulent "stake" And swallow the fat of the feast?

The answer stands out as keen as the sword of Damocles upon the neck of the reader. They hope they will reap a fanciful reward by mangling the work of the dead.
JOHN CRAWFORD, 634 Broadway.

A Rejoinder Explanation.
Boarder (to red-headed servant girl)—Why don't you keep your hair out of the victuals when you are cooking them?
Servant—Shure, sir, and I didn't cook the dinner; it was the missus, and her hair is black.

Boarder—Well, this is a red hair.
Servant—Shure, then, the girl got red in the billin'.
KATIE AUDLEY.
Sept. 4.

Two From States Island.
Why should you refuse all jokes from the Eastern hemisphere?—They are too far fetched.
Mrs. Jones says she doesn't object to bibulous, but she objects to the length of the hyphen between the brandy downtown and the smash after he reaches home. H. CUNY.
New Brighton, Sept. 5.

Would It Be a Mugwump?
Irma, who has recently become intensely interested in what she calls our "political" talk, broke in upon us suddenly yesterday, during a temporary lull, with: "Granny, if a Democrat was to marry a Republican and they had a baby, would it be a Mugwump?"
Who will dare solve the problem? SEMI-OCCASIONAL.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.

What's the Price of Chestnuts?
My mother keeps a chestnut stand.
And asks that I line will drop.
To learn the price of chestnuts—canned, she heard that she had raised a row.
Trenton, N. J., Sept. 6. SUE SLY.

A Case of Hoggishness.
My grandmother used to tell a story of two farm hands who made a wager as to which could drink the larger quantity of cider. One managed to dispose of four quarts. The other, after a tremendous effort, succeeded in adding a half pint to the gallon he had already drunk. The defeated imbiber, with a mingled look of intense disgust and chagrin, exclaimed: "Well, Fete, you are a hog!"
A JAMES GILAL.

THE ANTI-HILL MEETING.

The anti-Hill meeting was a fiasco. It was a gathering of the personal followers of ex-Mayor Grace and Henry George. The hall was well filled, but there were no workmen present.

The total absence of men who toil for a living was noticeable. The majority of those present looked wealthy enough to be Republicans.

But yet there were plenty of the Governor's friends on hand. They were there of their own free will. No one asked them to attend or ordered them there.

They did not come in crowds, but walked in singly and were scattered about the hall. They did not know each other and every friend of the Governor was surprised to find so many present who felt like himself.

The meeting was a regular circus from beginning to end. There were certainly six hundred supporters of the Governor present and they kept the other nine hundred people rather warm.

The resolutions were too bitter and too personal and too vindictive to please any audience. The resolutions did more harm than good, and many men who went to the meeting opposed to Hill went away his friends.

Mr. Wheeler H. Peckham was astonished when he was interrupted by objections to his remarks about the Governor.

He became more vexed when the audience began asking questions at him.

Mr. Peckham at last became disgusted and stopped his speech before he had half finished his prepared onslaught.

William M. Ivins, the City Chamberlain and ex-Mayor Grace's man Friday, was, of course, present.

Mr. Ivins helped to get up the meeting and paid out the bills for the hall.

Mr. Ivins was in a rage all the evening. He asked Inspector Williams to put the friends of Gov. Hill out of the hall.

Inspector Williams made this facetious reply: "There won't be any meeting left."

Every time cheers were called for David B. Hill they were given with a will.

Henry George made the Cleveland Republicans angry when he said that he would support and vote for Cleveland because he (George) was a free-trader.

Ex-Railroad Commissioner John D. Kernan was in bad company. He was surrounded on the platform by a number of men who in 1872 voted against his father, Francis Kernan, for Governor because he was a Catholic.

There were hundreds of persons present who have never voted the Democratic ticket and who have never attended a Democratic meeting or convention.

There were at least twenty names read off as Vice-President and secretaries who never gave their consent to the liberty.

Ex-Mayor Franklin Benson was one of the officers of the meeting. Mr. Peckham, Mr. George and Mr. Ivins have again denounced him for appointing Rollin M. Squire Commissioner of Public Works.

They, however, walk arm and arm with him because he has a personal grievance against Gov. Hill.

Said a young Democrat in front of Cooper Union last evening: "That gang would sell out Cleveland in an hour to defeat Hill, and then put the blame on the friends of the Governor."

People began to leave the meeting as early as 8.30. At 9.30 o'clock the audience had dispersed.

Henry George and William M. Ivins walked together. They looked very much disappointed. The meeting had proved a boomerang.

UNION OR NO UNION, WHICH?

The Tammany Hall leaders have not wavered in their opposition to a union with the County Democracy. Commissioner Croker, Sheriff Grant, County Clerk Fisk and Register Slevin insist that a three-cornered fight would help Cleveland and Thurman at least fifteen thousand votes in this county.

The County Democracy leaders say that they are willing to unite with Tammany Hall, and thinks that a factions war would hurt the national ticket. They aver, however, that they are not afraid to have one more tussle with the Tammany Hall.

They also boast that in case of a fight they will renominate Mayor Hewitt, and that he will be re-elected, no matter who Tammany Hall may nominate.

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NO PARTISAN POLITICS.

The Building Trades Section Lays a Stern Prohibition on its Members.

Delegate Jones, of Progressive Painters' Union No. 1, presided over the meeting of the Building Trades Section last night.

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FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS VERY INTERESTING QUESTION.

There is by no means unanimity of opinion as to the subject—Extraordinary Tale of Man's Indifference and Neglect—One Husband Who Finds It "Too Expensive" to Take His Wife on His Expenses.

To the Editor of THE EVENING WORLD:
No, not as long as the husband is able to foot the bills for dressmakers, milliners, livery stables and a thousand of others. But, but! if he fails in this domestic duty, then, alas! marriage right off becomes a failure, and a husband who up till the moment when misfortune set in was a model of a husband, the best husband living, &c., suddenly becomes a man who has no right to marry, a man who cannot support his family, a man who ought to be ashamed of himself, &c.

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A Big Programme for a Wife.

To the Editor of THE EVENING WORLD:
I think the majority of marriages are failures, but I believe the wife is nine times out of ten at fault. In the first place, young people do not court long enough to find each other out in their shortcomings, and after marriage it is too late to complain and they have made the best of it. After once tied for life let the wife preserve and cherish her husband as she would a rare gem.

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A PRIZE FOR WIT.

To the Editor of THE EVENING WORLD:

The article from "A Wife," in which she expresses her views concerning the question, "Is marriage a failure?" has induced me to give my opinion. From her experience she thinks it is, and no doubt all others who are placed in the same position think the same; but from my experience I do not agree with her, and I think my case is not an exceptional one. My husband belongs to the class of men whose leisure time is spent at home. He never spends an evening out unless I accompany him, and finds no place more pleasant than at home. In my society, he finds more pleasure in my society than at the club or elsewhere, and I think many will agree with me that without love marriage will in every case be a failure. New York, Sept. 6. A HAPPY WIFE.

A BOOK FOR THE VOTERS.

The Place to Look for All Anybody Wants to Know of the Issues.

"The Campaign Text Book of the Democratic Party of the United States for the Presidential Campaign of 1893," is the title of a compendious volume which has been prepared by direction of the National Democratic Committee and just issued by Brentanos, of Union Square. It is a handsomely printed octavo volume of 655 pages and contains everything about politics and the issues of the present campaign that the most exacting voter could possibly want to know.

As the committee states in its preface, the object of the text-book is to present to the voters and policies which the Democratic party has exemplified in the administration of the affairs of the Government during the past four years, and to illustrate the principles of the party as established during all the years of its growth and history.

After the St. Louis platform, which enumerated the Democratic doctrines, sketches of the candidates are given. Then comes Cleveland's record on the tariff question, and all public documents and speeches relating to the subject in any way during the past three years of his term in the White House. A concise history of the management of each of the departments of the Government under Cleveland's administration is also given, with special reference to the Treasury Department and the question of the public debt and surplus.

The policy of the Democratic party with reference to labor and corporations, as well as with regard to the Chinese question, are thoroughly reviewed, while the attitude of the Republican candidates and leaders upon these questions, and on the free whiskey policy, is criticised and condemned.

In the closing chapters of the book there is lots of interesting and instructive reading, and no good Democrat who wants to know just how the party stands on the issues of the day is voting for, can afford to do without it.

JERSEY'S NEW JURY PROCESS.

It Is Said to Give Great Satisfaction in Hudson County.

Hudson County (N. J.) people are said to be generally pleased with the success of the new process of providing Grand Jurymen. The first panel selected by the new Commissioners, Smith Haynes, of Jersey City, and John Reed, of Hoboken, has just been handed in.

On the panel are three clergymen: Rev. Father Hennessy, of Jersey City; Rev. Father Corrigan, of Hoboken, and Rev. Cornelius Brett, of the old Bergen Reformed Church.

Among the other jurymen are some of the foremost men of the city. These best known are William E. Arrowsmith, the Hoboken merchant; ex-Mayor E. V. S. Benson, of Hoboken; City Treasurer Deane, of Hoboken; John H. Bonn, President of the North Hudson Railroad Company; Lawyer Andrew Barile, ex-Speaker John D. Caracallan, now President of the Third National Bank; State Treasurer John J. Toffey; George W. Clerihew, the Jersey City merchant; Perry T. Cumberston, Speaker Samuel D. Dickinson, Jersey City's Comptroller; Garwood Ferris, William Gopaul, ex-Mayor Henry J. Hopper, of Jersey City; Peter Henderson, the seedman; ex-Mayor Krugler, Fred M. Lockwood, of the Stock Exchange; Col. John McAnery, Hugh McKay, Assessor; Edward McDonald, of Harrison; Lawyer S. S. Negus, ex-Mayor O'Neill, ex-Director Thorne P. Sherwood, Col. Edwin Van Houten, ex-Director John A. Walker, and many others whose names are equally well known.

The petit jury is made up of men quite as reliable as these, and from their number will be selected the twelve to try the case in the indicted Board of Works Commissioners.

FUN FOR AFTER DINNER.

Carding Him Down.

[From Time.]